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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to take advantage of this loan given by the Central Government for constructing hostels attached to their institutions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think this loan is available for Government institutions.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know, Sir, whether the opinion of the Madras Government is invited, or they just recommend cases or the priority, whether any institution applies to the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. Applications pass through us, and we make the recommendation. From the Third Five-Year Plan onwards, money would be made available, and we may make the disbursements.

Conversion of gallons into litres

* 72 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there has been any increase in the rate of sales tax consequent on the conversion of gallons into litres in respect of the sale of (i) petrol, (ii) diesel oil and (iii) kerosene; and

(*b*) if so, the rate of such increase and the average monthly extra income derived thereby?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) In respect of petrol and diesel oil there has been a slight increase consequent on the introduction of the metric system for the levy of tax under the Madras Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation Act, kerosene is subject to a single point tax under the Madras General Sales Tax Act, 1959, at 5 per cent of turnover and is accordingly not affected by the introduction of the metric system.

(*b*) —

Increase in the rate of tax.	*Estimated additional monthly revenue.*
Petrol 0·641 nP. per litre.	about Rs. 42,000.
Diesel oil 0·301 nP. per litre.	about Rs. 45,000.
Kerosene........does not arise..........	

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, will the Government consider the desirability of passing on the excess that is collected to the consumer himself?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, this matter is coming up for approval by this House. At that time we can discuss all this.

Revision of the scales of pay of teachers

* 73 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the revision of the scales of pay of teachers in the State took place last;